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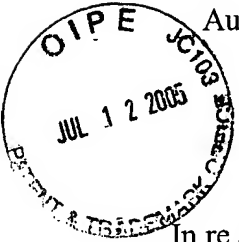
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

HICHEM M'SAAD et al.

Application No.: 10/020,461

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
AN OPTICAL CORE

Customer No.: 20-1430

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 14, 2005, and the Advisory Action mailed May 26, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks as a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 as part of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Claims 1-4, 6-18 and 21-42 are currently pending.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.